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SUBJECT: PRESS INTEREST IN SINAI FIELD MISSION

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1. DURING DATT AND POLCOUNS JANUARY 29 CALL ON MAJ. GEN. TAHA MAGDUB, DIRECTOR SINAI LIAISON STAFF, ON ANOTHER MATTER (SEPTEL, SUBJECT OF PRESS TREATMENT OF SFM CAME UP IN CONNECTION WITH JANUARY 29 VISIT FROM ISRAEL OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS TO SFM HQ SITE. MAGDUB SAID EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER IN SINAI HAD BEEN INFORMED OF VISIT AND WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. MAGDUB SAID EGYPTIAN OFFICER WOULD NOT ACCOMPANY CORRESPONDENTS SINCE SFM SITE IS IN STILL ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORY, BUT HE IMPLIED EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER WAS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM UNEF THAT NO VISIT TO OR PHOTOGRAPHING OF E-1 WAS TO BE PERMITTED.

2. ON SUBJECT OF PRESS COVERAGE OF SFM, IN GENERAL, MAGDUB GAVE HIS "PERSONAL" VIEW THAT IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITY OF SINAI DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES DURING NEXT THREE WEEKS, IT WOULD BE BEST TO LIMIT PUBLICITY ON SFM UNTIL AFTER FEBRUARY 22.

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3. COMMENT: IN VIEW MAGDUB'S COMMENTS, WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT THORNE NOT RPT NOT HOLD PRESS
CONFERENCE AS RECOMMENDED IN REFTEL.
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